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SUBJECT: ARNOLD OZOLINS

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1. DEPARTMENT OFFICER TALKED WITH OZOLINS' WIFE AND STEP-DAUGHTER ON AUGUST 15 AND WITH ARNOLD JR. ON AUGUST 16. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WITHIN FAMILY ON WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN.

2. MRS. OZOLINS, CLEARLY INFLUENCED BY HER DAUGHTER, EXPRESSED DOUBT WHETHER AT HER AGE SHE COULD TAKE ON THE CARE OF "62-YEAR OLD MAN." SHE SEEMS TO ACCEPT WITH EQUANIMITY VIEW THAT SOVIETS WOULD NEVER PERMIT OZOLINS TO LEAVE USSR. WHEN MESSAGE FROM OZOLINS ON DESIRABILITY OF PUBLICIZING HIS PREDICAMENT TRANSMITTED TO WIFE AND STEP-DAUGHTER, LATTER DID MOST OF SPEAKING, SAYING THEY WERE MODEST, UNSOPHISTICATED FAMILY WHICH WOULD NOT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE PUBLICITY. DEPTOFFICER STRESSED THAT HE WAS MERELY
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RELAYING MESSAGE FROM OZOLINS TO HIS SON AND DID NOT WISH

TO INFLUENCE FAMILY'S DECISION. SINCE SON NOT PRESENT,
ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO SPEAK WITH HIM FOLLOWING DAY.

3. OZOLINS JR., CLEARLY HAD DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW AND
BELIEVED RESORT TO MEDIA MAY NOW BE ONLY MEANS TO HELP
FATHER. SON SAID HE WOULD TRY TO ENGENDER PRESS INTEREST
AND REQUESTED HELP OF DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY.

4. DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR EMBASSY
COULD BECOME OFFICIALLY INVOLVED. IF HE DESIRED PURSUE
COURSE OF RESORTING TO MEDIA, RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE HIS
OR FAMILY'S. DEPTOFF REVIEWED EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER
CASES AND COMMENTED THAT NO FIRM CONCLUSION COULD BE
DRAWN AS TO WHETHER MEDIA PUBLICITY WOULD HELP. HOWEVER,
DEPTOFF STATED EMBASSY WOULD COMMUNICATE SON'S VIEWS
AND INTENTIONS TO FATHER AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

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